

**Development of National Highways in Bihar**

**3206. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:** Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to ensure the improvement and strengthening of National Highways in Bihar;

(b) what is the progress of six laning of the G.T. Road in its stretch in Bihar;

(c) how much amount Government have released to Bihar in the Last three years towards maintenance and upkeep of National Highways in the State; and

(d) what has been the extent of utilisation of these funds and what action the Government have taken to prevent its misuse?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV):** (a) Development of National Highways is a continuous process and development is undertaken depending upon the intensity of traffic, *inter-se* priority on all India basis and availability of funds etc.

(b) No stretch of G.T. Road (NH-2) in Bihar is proposed to be six-laned.

(c) The amounts allocated for maintenance and repairs of National Highway in Bihar during the previous three financial years are as follows:—

Financial year	(Rs. in crore) Maintenance works
1999-2000	119.08
1998-1999	33.37
1997-1998	34.10

(d) The above amounts have been utilized fully. The reimbursement of expenditure to the state is made through Pay and accounts officer after due audit by Accountant General. This procedure prevents misuse of funds.